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SUBJECT: REPORT ON SCSE IMPLEMENTATION

REF: (A) USNATO 2391, (B) STATE 091454, (C) USNATO 2246,
(D) USNATO 2476

BEGIN SUMMARY: WE TRANSMIT BELOW THE PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN
THE REPORT ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION (C-M(77)30) WHICH RE-
SULTED FROM RECENT POLADS AND ECONADS DISCUSSIONS. RE-
VISED TEXT OF REPORT IS BEING HAND-CARRIED TO WASHINGTON
AND WILL BE AVAILABLE THERE MORNING OF MAY 2. NAC CON-
SIDERATION OF THE REPORT IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 4. END SUM-
MARY.

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE MAIN CHANGES IN C-M(77)30 WHICH HAVE
BEEN MADE AT RECENT POLADS AND ECONADS DISCUSSIONS.
INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS PROVIDED DELEGATIONS WITH AD-
VANCE COPIES OF REVISED VERSION OF THE REPORT, AND A COPY
OF THIS REVISION IS BEING HAND-CARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY
FSO F. ALLEN HARRIS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGEN-
CY. HARRIS WILL BE IN WASHINGTON MORNING OF MAY 2, AND WE
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SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT CONTACT HIM TO ARRANGE FOR DE-
LIVERY.

2. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN CHANGES IN TEXT, WHICH WILL INCOR-
PORATE COMPROMISE FORMULATION ON PARA 18 (STATE 096376
AND USNATO 2476):

--PARA 2 (VI) "THE OVERALL EASTERN PERFORMANCE IS STILL
FAR FROM SATISFACTORY. THERE ARE A FEW POSITIVE DEVELOP-
MENTS, BUT IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE PROCESS OF

IMPLEMENTATION WILL CONTINUE. EASTERN COUNTRIES MAY HAVE SOME FURTHER HIGHLY VISIBLE MEASURES IN RESERVE FOR NEARER THE MAIN BELGRADE MEETING."

--PARA 15. "DURING THE PERIOD OF THIS REPORT, MANEUVER ACTIVITIES OF BOTH EAST AND WEST DIMINISHED CONSIDERABLY, AS IS CUSTOMARY DURING THE WINTER PERIOD. NO MAJOR ALLIED MANEUVERS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION TOOK PLACE; HOWEVER, THE US, ON 7 APRIL, NOTIFIED A MANEUVER INVOLVING APPROXIMATELY 24,000 TROOPS. THERE ARE ONLY TWO OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO BE RECORDED, ONE CONCERNING A MAJOR SOVIET MILITARY MANEUVER, THE OTHER A SWEDISH SMALLER-SCALE MANEUVER. THERE WERE NO SOVIET INVITATIONS TO SEND OBSERVERS TO THEIR MANEUVERS. WHILE, SINCE HELSINKI, THEY HAVE DECLINED INVITATIONS TO ALLIED MANEUVERS, IN THE LATEST PERIOD, THEY DID ACCEPT AN INVITATION TO OBSERVE THE SWEDISH MANEUVER. SOVIET CRITICISM OF WESTERN MANEUVER ACTIVITY, WHICH WAS A CHARACTERISTIC FEATURE OF THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARDS WESTERN CBM IMPLEMENTATION THROUGHOUT 1976, HAS ALMOST COMPLETELY SUBSIDED IN THE PERIOD UNDER DISCUSSION."

-- PARA 16, NEW SECOND SENTENCE AS FOLLOWS: "THE NOTIFICATION OF ONLY MAJOR MANEUVERS SHOWS THAT THE SOVIET UNION CONTINUES TO COMPLY WITH THE STRICT MINIMUM OF EXISTING CBM PROVISIONS IN THIS RESPECT."

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--PARA 23, NEW SECOND SENTENCE, AS FOLLOWS: "THE FEW NEW DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS HAVE NOT ALTERED THE OVERALL SITUATION WHICH REMAINS ONE OF ONLY SOME LIMITED IMPROVEMENT IN CERTAIN AREAS."

--PARA 29(SUBJECT TO INTERNATIONAL STAFF VERIFICATION OF FACTS REGARDING SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA): "WITH REGARD TO THE INFORMATION PROVISIONS OF BASKET III, THERE HAS BEEN HARDLY ANY IMPROVEMENT IN THE EASTERN PERFORMANCE SINCE HELSINKI AS REGARDS WESTERN PRINTED INFORMATION. ALTHOUGH EASTERN COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO CLAIM OR TO PROMISE INCREASED IMPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF WESTERN PRINTED INFORMATION, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THEY ARE MAKING ADDITIONAL MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO THEIR PUBLICS THROUGH SALES, SUBSCRIPTIONS OR LIBRARIES. ONE EXCEPTION IS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHERE, IN MARCH, A NUMBER OF WESTERN NON-COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS IN UNKNOWN NUMBERS OF COPIES WERE PUT ON SALE FOR THE FIRST TIME TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT MAIN DISTRIBUTION POINTS IN PRAGUE, BRNO AND BRATISLAVA, THE PRAGUE AIRPORT AND SOME FIRST-CLASS HOTELS (THE LATTER LOCATIONS ARE FREQUENTED MAINLY BY TOURISTS). IN APRIL, BULGARIA ALSO BEGAN PERMITTING THE SALES OF A FEW NON-WESTERN COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS IN HOTELS USED PRIMARILY BY WESTERN VISITORS

AND IN A FEW STREET KIOSKS. POLAND AND HUNGARY MAINTAINED THEIR SOMEWHAT MORE RELAXED PRACTICES WHICH PRE-DATE HELSINKI."

--PARA 30, "THERE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NO IMPROVEMENT IN THE FIELDS OF FILMS AND BROADCASTS, ALTHOUGH CONDITIONS

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CONTINUE TO VARY FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY."

--PARA 31, NEW FINAL SENTENCE: "AT THE SAME TIME, CERTAIN EASTERN RADIO STATIONS HAVE CONTINUED THEIR ACTIVITIES AGAINST SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES IN TERMS WHICH, BY ANY STANDARDS, ARE OF AN OBJECTIONABLE NATURE."

--PARA 20 OF ANNEX, DELETE 4TH SENTENCE BEGINNING: "THEY HAVE CONDUCTED".

--PARA 21 OF ANNEX CONTAINS REFERENCES TO APRIL 7 US MANEUVER NOTIFICATION.

--PARA 22 OF ANNEX, DELETE 3RD SENTENCE AND SUBSTITUTE, "IT STILL SEEMS TO CONFIRM EARLIER ASSESSMENTS THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES INTEND TO RESTRICT CBM IMPLEMENTATION WITH RESPECT TO THEIR OWN AND NATO COUNTRY MANEUVERS TO THE STRICT MINIMUM REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT. HOWEVER, IN THE LATEST MANEUVER PERIOD, THE SOVIET UNION ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO OBSERVE A SWEDISH MANEUVER."

--NEW PARA 24 OF ANNEX, "MOST ALLIES HAD EXCHANGES OF MILITARY AND NAVAL VISITS TO AND FROM THE WARSAW PACT
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COUNTRIES BEFORE HELSINKI. THESE EXCHANGES HAVE CONTINUED SINCE HELSINKI AND, IN SOME CASES, HAVE BEEN ACCEL-

ERATED."

3. AS WE REPORTED IN REF A, US-SUGGESTED CHANGES HAVE
BEEN INCORPORATED INTO REVISED REPORT. STREATOR

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